

Sir or Madam:

I wish to express my concern about the National Broadcasters' attempts to limit XM Radio to national media. I have been listening to XM for about six months after purchasing a new automobile. The programming choices are well worth the monthly cost associated with the service and I am more than willing to pay the price to skip the ads that I am inundated with when listening to free radio. This March when XM radio began offering local weather and traffic, I was so grateful. I can dial in a single station and listen to what to the information I need, and then go right back to my preferred programming. In fact, I believe that having this service has made me a better driver as I no longer am frustrated by traffic that I wasn't prepared for, and don't have to look away from the road while I surf the free radio channels trying to find a channel broadcasting what I need. The free radio wants me to listen to 20 minutes of advertising to hear about 10 minutes of programming. I feel it only right to let me make the choice of where to spend my entertainment and information dollars. Please do not bow to the NAB lobbyists. Satellite radio is good for America, and we need to encourage, not discourage this great new media. Thanks,
John